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Calibration of the Jefferson Lab CLAS12 RICH detector¹ CON-
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ANSELM VOSSEN, Duke University — A first Ring Imaging Cherenkov Detector
(RICH) has been installed in Jefferson Lab's CLAS12 magnetic spectrometer. The
RICH detector utilizes Cherenkov radiation to identify charged particles produced
via Semi-inclusive Deep Inelastic Scattering (SIDIS), with the objective of distin-
guishing between protons, pions, and kaons in the 3-8 GeV/c momentum range.
Particles enter the detector through a wall of aerogel tiles acting as a radiator (n
 $= 1.05$), producing Cherenkov radiation. Photons produced by particles entering
at a large angle are reflected twice to reduce the size of the electronics panel. Sin-
gle photon detection with nanosecond time resolution is achieved using a panel of
Multi-Anode Photomultiplier Tubes (MAPMTs). This talk will present performance
studies of the RICH which provided a deeper understanding of the aerogel tiles, the
mirror system and the readout electronics.

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